

13th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: TIER 2 Local Restrictions

Following yesterday afternoon's announcement by the Prime Minister, Birmingham (as well as a few adjoining metropolitan boroughs) has been placed in the 'alert level 2' category. The TIER 2 restrictions are as follows:

- Different households will not be able to meet indoors (with the exception of support bubbles) including indoor hospitality, leisure and retail. This is in addition to the national 'rule of six' and the local ban on meeting other households in private homes.
- The rule of six will now also apply to private gardens.
- Weddings are permitted to have no more than 15 attendees with the same for receptions.
- Funerals can only have 30 attendees, with a maximum of 15 at wakes and commemorations.
- You can only play team sports where they are officially organised by a club or organisation.
- People are advised to minimise the number of journeys they make.
- While you can still go on holiday, it can only be with people you live with, or your support bubble.

I received an email from Birmingham City Council (BCC) yesterday evening to emphasise that, despite the restrictions that will come into force tomorrow, schools will remain open. The email also confirms that updates will be sent by BCC and I will contact you if there is any change to the above guidance.

As a result, I am writing to reiterate the health and safety guidance we must uphold in order to remain open. Firstly, TIER 2 restrictions ask for members of the public to restrict their use of public transport. As BOA students are reliant on all forms of public transport, it is essential they wear their face coverings and that they observe the social distancing rules, even if travelling with friends.

Secondly, when on site at BOA, students must wear their face coverings in communal areas and must remain in their allocated seating in classrooms, or within their 'home groups' during practical lessons. Students should also exercise caution during break times and lunch times, and avoid sitting in direct contact with others.

Students are also reminded of the need for good personal hygiene (regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser) and freshly laundered clothes.

If there are any changes – either to guidance or to Birmingham's 'alert category' rating – I will be in touch with you all.

Best wishes



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